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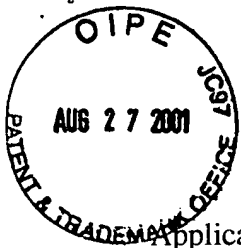
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3), the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. The undersigned hereby states in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to filing of this Statement. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

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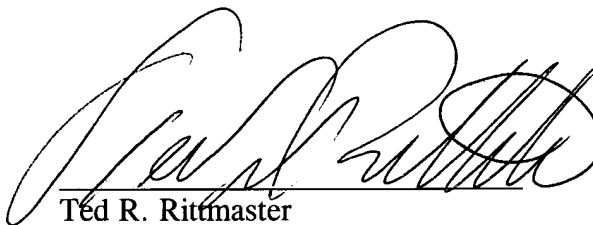
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Respectfully submitted,



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